

Appl. No. 09/876,514
Amendment and/or Response
Reply to Office action of 29 November 2004

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REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application.

Applicant(s) thank(s) the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority document(s), and for stating that the drawings are acceptable.

The Office action rejects claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, and 12 for double patenting over claims of U.S. Pat. No. 6,664,891. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith to obviate the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, and 12 is respectfully requested.

The **Office Action Summary** states that claims 6 and 10 are objected to, but the body of the Office action does not detail the objection. It is presumed that the objection is only for depending from a rejected claim, and that the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith obviates this objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection of claims 6 and 10 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner withdraw the objection(s) and/or rejection(s) of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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